

# **Identification of new negative-parity levels in $^{152,154}\text{Nd}$ \***

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From an experiment with Gammasphere and a  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  spontaneous fission source, a new negative-parity band in  $^{154}\text{Nd}$  and new negative-parity levels in  $^{152}\text{Nd}$  were identified and the yrast bands were extended to 18 + in  $^{154}\text{Nd}$  and 20 + in  $^{152}\text{Nd}$  in triple gamma coincidence study. These new negative-parity bands are consistent with octupole vibrational mode. There is a constant difference as a function of spin between the  $J_1$  values for the negative-parity band in  $^{152}\text{Nd}$  and  $J_1$  for the similar negative-parity band in  $^{154}\text{Nd}$ , however, their  $J_1$  values are essentially identical. These bands indicate a new kind of identical band.

## *Footnotes and References*

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